

# Plunkett Cooney partner Tom Leonard elected to Board of Michigan Chamber

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Plunkett Cooney partner and former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Tom Leonard, was recently elected to serve as a member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

The Michigan Chamber is a statewide business organization representing approximately 5,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce that employ over one million Michigan residents. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal processes.

Members of the board of directors and the executive committee set policy and establish priorities for the Chamber on key economic issues that affect job creation and business growth in Michigan. Leonard will serve a two-year term.

Leonard is a partner and leader of the Government Relations, Public Policy and Regulatory Practice Group at Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and most accomplished law firms. He focuses his practice on policy development, strategic collaboration, building relationships and coalitions, legislative monitoring and bill tracking in the Michigan Capitol.

Before joining Plunkett Cooney, Leonard served three terms in the House of Representatives. In his third and final term, his colleagues unanimously selected him to serve as Michigan's 75th House Speaker. Prior to running for public office, Leonard served as an assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan and as a prosecutor in Genesee County's Special Crimes Division.

Leonard graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in 2007 and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 2004.

The members of Plunkett Cooney's Government Relations, Public Policy & Regulatory Practice Group work with their clients as they strategize, communicate, streamline and attack political issues efficiently and effectively to influence public policy, legislation and regulatory issues. In addition to Leonard, the

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group includes former counsel to the Michigan Senate Majority Leader, past elected and appointed officials and two former members of the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

Plunkett Cooney was established in 1913 and is a leading provider of business and litigation services to public and private sector clients across a range of industries. The firm employs approximately 140 attorneys in seven Michigan cities, as well as in Chicago, Illinois, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Plunkett Cooney has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms, and it was recently named a 2023 "Best Law Firm" nationally in 12 practice areas as determined by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®.

*For more information about Leonard serving as a member of the Michigan Chamber's board of directors, contact the firm's Director of Marketing and Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.*

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